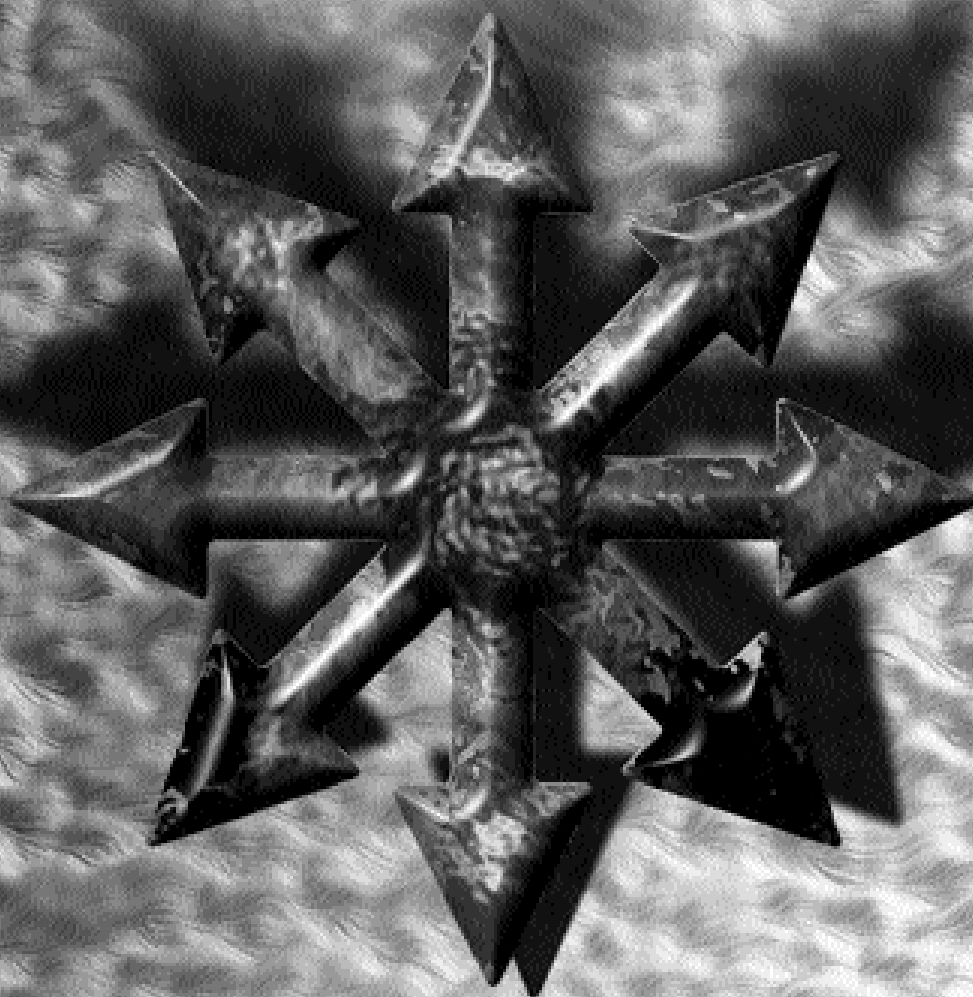


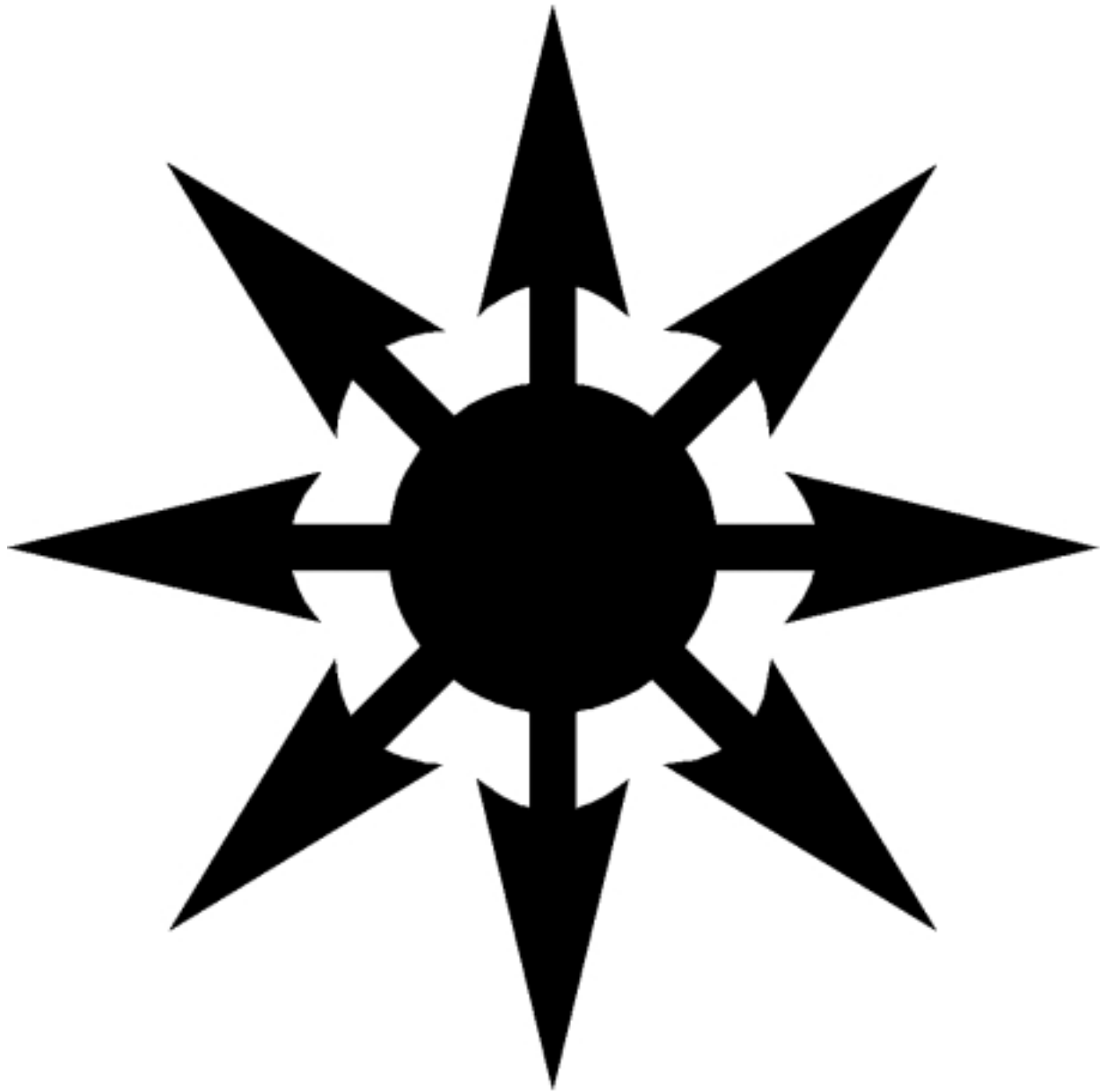
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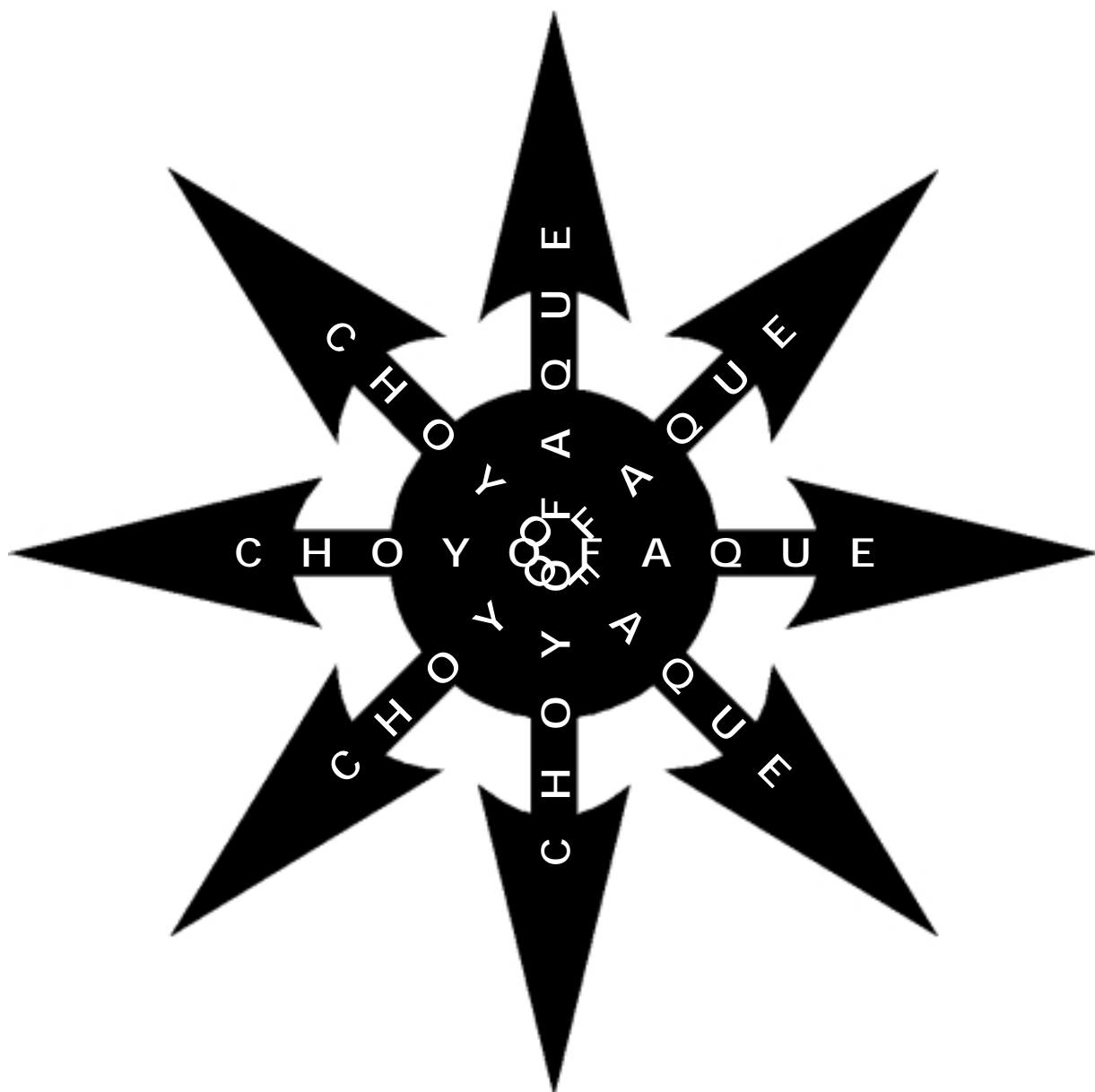


The Secrets Of The Illuminates Of Thanateros



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Do you know,
that there may be no ultimate truth?



The Illuminates Of Thanateros

1st edition

This book is dedicated to the Great Work of Magick
and to all those interested in practical magickal work.

To those who had a helping hand in the creation
of the book - many thanks.

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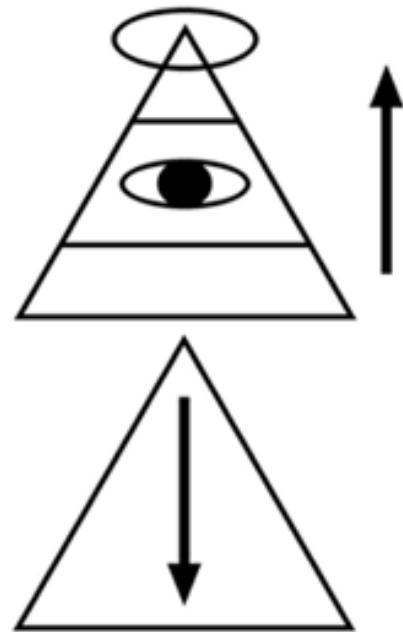


1.1 The Pact - History

A brief history of the Illuminates of Thanateros

The Forerunners and Early Years of the IOT

In all editions of *Liber Null* there is a chart showing the streams of ideas and traditions that culminate in the IOT. These are, if you like, the ancestors of the IOT and of Chaos Magic. However, the immediate precursor of the IOT was the Stoke Newington Sorcerers group, mentioned in the Pete Carroll Interview, CI 17. Occultists of various backgrounds and subsequent directions worked in this loose multi discipline group in the mid 70's, including Charles Brewster.



The first announcement of the formation of the IOT was in *The New Equinox*, Ray Sherwin's eclectic occult magazine that ran from about 1976 to 1979. Pete Carroll was a regular contributor, often writing in from his travels in the far East, and sometimes writing under the auspices of the Psychonaut Institute. The articles from this time include *The Death Posture*, *Daring*, *Will*, *Gnosis*, *Keeping Silence*, *Gurus*, *The Way of the Siddhis* and *Ego*.

The formation of the IOT was advertised in *TNE* in 1976/77. Spiritual heirs to the Zos Kia Cultus, the Illuminates of Thanateros are the drinkers of the dual ecstasies of the sex- and death- gnosis. The IOT represents a fusion of Thelemic Magic, Tantra, the sorceries of Zos and Tao.

The non-mysteries of symbolic systems have been discarded in favour of mastery of technique. Studies may be accomplished in a minimum period of 6 months and consist of a series of techniques to be mastered by lone effort. Students will then be tested. Having shown themselves acceptable, initiates will be put in contact with other members of the order and more complex instruction will be given. Applicants should write c/o Box 333, Morton Press, enclosing a blank £1 postal order for the complete studentship curriculum and instructions.

It is interesting to note that there is no mention of Chaos Magic. This term did not appear even in the first (white cover) edition of *Liber Null*, by Morton Press (Ray Sherwin's publishing venture) in 1978.

The second (red cover) edition of 1981 (also published under the Morton Press imprint) had different appendices, including the introduction of the Chaosphere. The IOT in its early years was 'rarely more than a loose correspondence network and a few people meeting for rituals in East Morton' (P. Carroll). It is now 'the Chaos Magic Order', yet it was launched before the concept had been created.

Other Early Publications

- Lionel Snells first two books also acted as precursors of the IOT/Chaos Magic current. These were both published by The Mouse That Spins:

SSOTBME, anonymous, 1974. *Thundersqueak The Suicide Writings of Ambrose Lea and Liz Angerford*, 1979.

- Ray Sherwin's two early books were instrumental in getting people interested in actual magical experiments without a rigid theoretical framework. *The Book of Results* (pub. Morton Press, 1979/80) is a treatise on practical sigil magic, and *The Theatre of Magic* (pub. Sorcerer's Apprentice) is built around group work, drawing on the experiences of the first IOT Group in East Morton.

The Church of Chaos

This 'IOT in style' group was formed in Sydney, Australia, by Pete Carroll and Frater Vegtan. It ran for about 6 months in 1980, leaving no succession.

The First UK IOT Group

Pete Carroll returned from his travels in late 1980, and took a house in East Morton, the village in Yorkshire where Ray Sherwin lived. Further members of the Group were recruited, in some instances through the Saturday 'coffee mornings' organized by the Sorcerer's Apprentice in Leeds.

The Group held its first working on November 22nd 1980. The membership of the Group was unstable. 4 further rituals were worked over the next 18 months, the Group closing its active phase at a rite on 1st May 1982, when a Pantacle for the future development of the IOT was buried in a wood.

The Bristol C.H.A.O.S. Temple

Also known as Cabal Heraclitus, this Temple flourished under Fra. Stokastikos from late 1982 to his retirement in 1991.

The 'Circle of Chaos'

The Circle of Chaos was founded in 1984. Membership varied from 8 to 14 over the next 3 years, after which the group began to fragment.

The 'Circle' gave rise to some highly significant events, particularly:

- In August 1986 *Chaos International* was launched.
- In April 1987: Chaos Symposium in Leeds.

Chaired by Ray Sherwin, speakers were Pete Carroll, Lionel Snell, Freya Aswynn and Dave Lee. The hall was packed.

The Founding of the Pact :



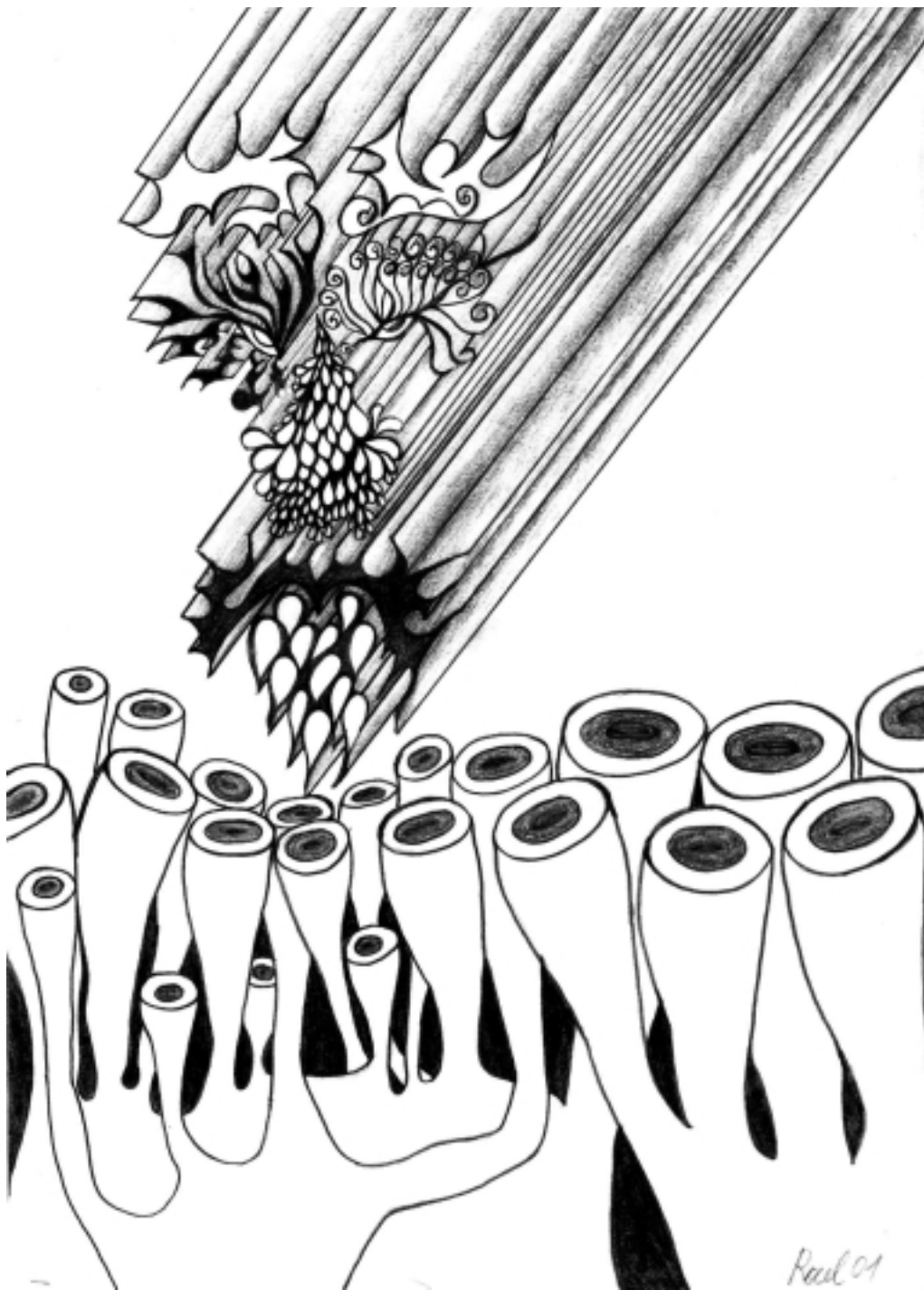
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Pete Carroll and Ralph Tegtmeier jointly ran the Exerzitium, a public Seminar at Bonn-Ramerstorf in a former cloister in the Rhineland over four days in October 1986.

Those who passed certain tests were invited to a Mass of Chaos in 'an abandoned ammunition dump dug deep into a mountain somewhere in the Rhineland' (P. Carroll). This led to a decision to form 'a new magical order of some kind.'

The outcome was that the Pact was announced in *The Pact/Liber Pactionis* in *Chaos International 3*, in August 1987.

The first World Pact Meeting was held at Raabs in August that year, with a mass initiation of 25 new members.



TIMESCALE:

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| 1976/77 | - 1st announcement of IOT in <i>The New Equinox</i> |
| 1978 | - 1st publication of <i>Liber Null</i> by Pete Carroll |
| 1978 | - 1st publication of Ray Sherwin's <i>Book of Results</i> |

- 1980 - Formation of *Church of Chaos*, Sydney, Australia
- Formation of 1st UK IOT Group, Yorkshire

- 1981 - 2nd edition of *Liber Null*. Introduction of the Chaosphere.
- 1st edition of *Psychonaut* by Pete Carroll

- 1982 - End of 1st UK IOT Group.
- 1st publication of Ray Sherwin's *The Theatre of Magick*

- 1984 - Formation of the *Circle of Chaos* Group, Yorkshire

- 1985 - 1st edition of *Anubis-* Magazine (Germany)

- 1986 - The conception of the Pact.
- *Chaos International 1* published

- 1987 - *Chaos Symposium*, Leeds.
- publication of *Liber Pactionis* (as forerunner of *The Book*)
- **1. INTERNATIONAL PACT MEETING (AGM), Austria**
- Formation of UK Section, and a German-speaking Section, comprising Germany, Austria and Switzerland.
- First UK Pact Temple formed in London
- *Circle of Chaos* dissolved
- *Caput Corvi* (as chaos-infocenter) founded by Fra. .717.
- 1. public *Chaosmagick-Seminar* in Austria

- 1988 - 2nd AGM, Austria
- Austria becomes independent Section
- Formation of Australasian Section
- 1st publication of the *Handbook of Chaosmagick* by Frater .717.

- 1989 - 3rd AGM, Austria
- Switzerland becomes an independent Section
- Formation of USA Section

- 1990 - 4th AGM, Austria.
- The Ice War (See *Chaos International #23* for info)

- 1989- 90 Publication of Phil Hine's *Urban Shaman Trilogy*

- 1991 - 5th AGM, Austria
- First edition of the *IOT- International Newsletter*
- UKAOS 1, a public day of Chaos Magick, London
- First edition of *Liber Kaos/The Psychonomicon* by Pete Carroll
- Frater Choronzon's *Liber Cyber* published
- Phil Hine's *Chaos Servitors* published

- 1992 - 6th AGM, Austria
- UKAOS 2
- Ramsey Dukes' *Blast Your Way to Megabucks* published
- Phil Hine's *Condensed Chaos* first published
- Nicholas Hall's *Chaos and Sorcery* published
- Nathaniel Xanthe's *Psychodenizens* published

- 1993 - 7th AGM, Austria
- UKAOS 3
- Phil Hine's *Prime Chaos* first published

- 1994 - 8th AGM, Austria
- UKAOS 4
- *Kaos Magick Journal* 1 published by USA Section
- Phil Hine's *The Pseudonomicon* first published
- Dave Lee's *The Wealth Magic Workbook* published

- 1995 - 9th AGM, UK
- Formation of the Bulgarian Satrapy

- 1996 - 10th AGM, UK

- 1997 - 11th AGM, Germany
- Formation of Brazilian Section
- Satrapies established in Denmark and Holland
- Last issue, #23, of *Chaos International*
- *Chaotopia!* by Dave Lee published
- first IOT website published

- 1998 - 12th AGM, Germany

- 1999 - 13th AGM, Austria
- *chaosmagick.org* website and databank
- (by Fra. Karlo and Fra. .717.) online
- *Barbaric Dictionary* online

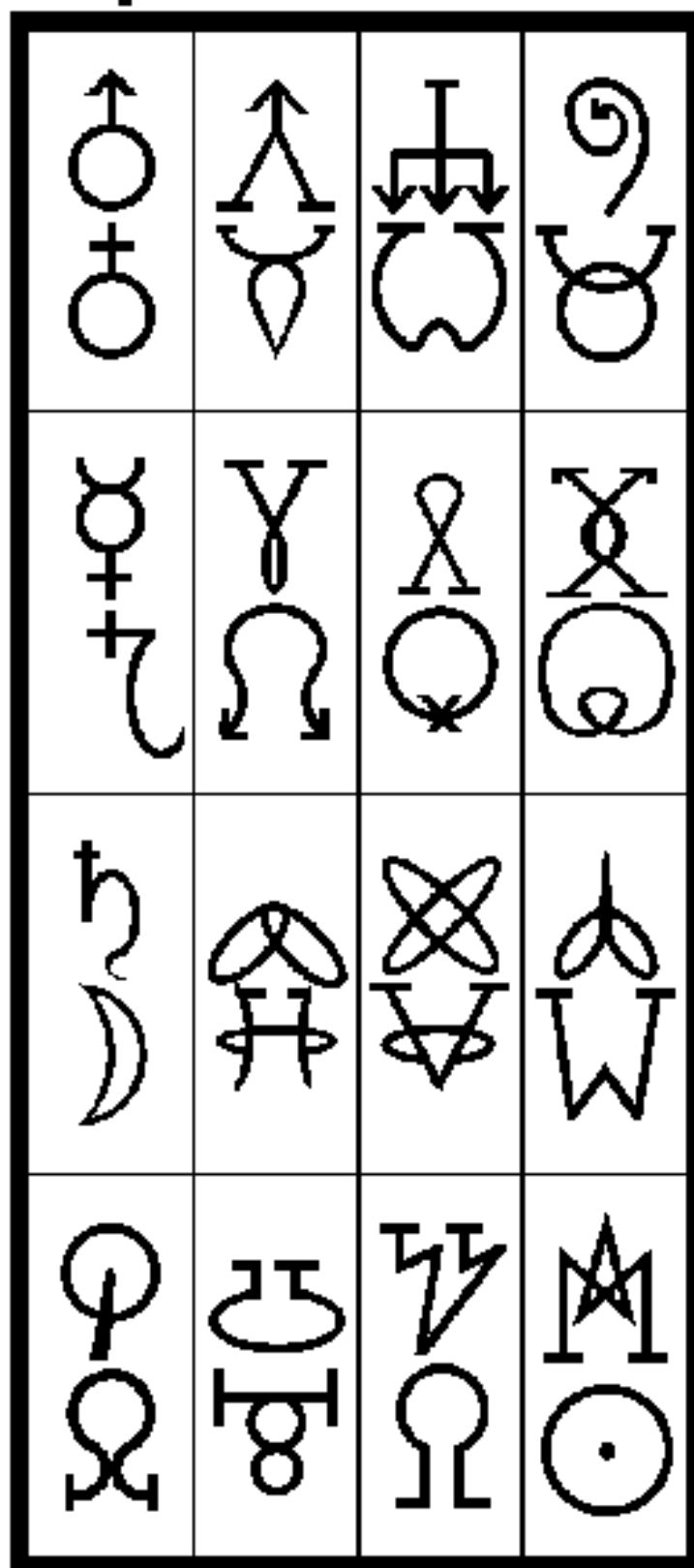
- 2000 - 14th AGM, Austria

- 2001 - 15th AGM, USA

- 2002 - 1. Publication of *THE BOOK*
- 16th AGM, Germany
- *Caput Corvi* website and service closed
- *717.info* website online

- 2003 - 17th AGM, Austria

Alphabet of Desire



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1.2 The Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros

The Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros is a community of individuals, who practice magic individually and in groups and support, inspire and encourage one another to explore the vast field of magic.

"The Pact is a vehicle for the pursuit of the Great Work of magic and the pleasures and profits attendant upon this quest. The Pact also acts as a psycho-historic force in the battle for the Aeon." (Peter Carroll)

In traditional secular as well as in mystical organisations we find the form of the pyramid, at the top of which there is a leader or Guru or similar person. The position of the Guru is above all other members and above all criticism. The Guru teaches, commands and criticizes those who hold a lower degree.

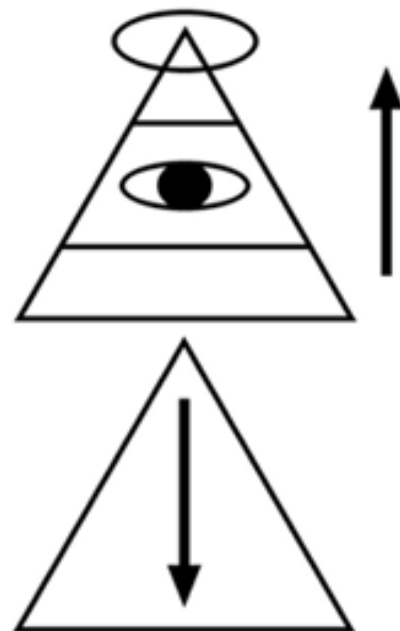
The structure of the Pact with its degree system has the form of a pyramid as well. At the top, however, there is not one person, a sole master, but the Council of the Magi, similar to what is known in traditional societies as the Council of the Elders. Rising within the hierarchy and mastery is based on actual magical and organizational achievements.

Criticism in the IOT flows from the bottom to the top. Those in higher degrees must refrain from critical remarks towards members with lower degrees, unless it is necessary for the execution of their function.

Every Magister Templi, Section Head, Adept und Magus is assigned an Insubordinate as personal assistant.

The office of the Insubordinate warrants that criticism flows from the bottom to the top. The Insubordinate acts independently from the Pact hierarchy.

Every member should be stimulated through temple work to propose ideas, concepts, methods and techniques, which serve to realize magical works and discussions. The degree structure is orientated towards organizational responsibility and competence in the art of magic.





2. The Structure of the Pact

(Degrees, Offices, Sections, Temples)

The traditional structure of the Pact comprises 4 degrees and 2 minor degrees.

Neophyte (4°)
Initiate (3°)
Adept (2°)
Magus (1°)
The 0°=5° (5°=0°)
Priest, Priestess of Chaos

After a longer period of service bearers of the 1° and 2° may, if they wish, acquire the 0°=5° or retreat from the Pact as an Elder.

As side degree of the 3° and 2° degree the office of the Priest/Priestess of Chaos may be accomplished.

In addition there are 5 offices:

Section Head
Magister Templi
Archivist
Insubordinate
Priest/Priestess of Chaos

The Pact is a self-perpetuating oligarchy.

The Pact is structured (mostly) geographically in sections and satrapies.

Each section is autonomous. The autonomy of each section ends where the unimpeachable autonomy of the Pact is affected/concerned.

The Book is accepted by all sections and all its members as valid. Each section may broaden the minimum requirements for the achievement of a degree, which have been accepted by all sections, unless this contradicts these requirements.

Temples and work groups are formed within a section. Cyber Temples, Conclaves and Travelling Temples exist cross-sectionally.

2.1 The Degrees within the Pact

The Novice

Candidates for a membership in the Pact are called Novices.

The Novice has the possibility to get to know the Pact from the outside. During a period of at least 6 months the Novice works on the *Liber MMM*. In addition he is assigned a mentor, whose task is to take care of the Novice during his work on the MMM and to establish and maintain the contact between Novice and Pact.

After the *MMM* has been finished the diary of the novice will be presented to at least one member of the Pact besides the mentor, to whom the Novice is unknown (at the most, known by name).

The mentorship can be carried out by an Initiate or a member with a higher degree.



Only the person who has undergone the Neophyte Ritual may take part in rituals or activities of the Pact. The Neophyte Ritual requires the Novice to bring a robe and a ring.

During the period as a Novice the candidate has proven to be open-minded and has shown that he is independent and free of dogmatic beliefs.

Neophyte

The degree of the Neophyte (4°) is the lowest degree in the IOT. Neophytes are given the opportunity to get to know the Pact from inside. He is free to become a member of a temple or to work individually by himself. Neophytes may not be given any instructions, not even which kind of magical work they are to do.

During the time of bearing a 4°, the Neophyte shows that he is able to develop his magic without any instructions and to proceed along his path to do the Great Work of Magic.

He is free to be inspired by the works of the Pact or to proceed via his own paths. The Neophyte may at any time leave the Pact without giving any reasons, and he may be dismissed from the Pact, also without explanation.

Initiate

The Initiate has decided to become a permanent member of the order and to offer his magical abilities to the Pact. He is free to draw from the inexhaustible sources of Chaos or the field of power of the IOT.

Third Degrees form the basis of the IOT. The Initiate actively takes part in the Pact business, both in magical and organizational doing.

The Initiate strives to intensify and refine his knowledge of magic in all fields. He commences his work on the KKK; additionally the degree of the Priest or Priestess of Chaos may be accomplished.

Internal issues of the Pact and of the temples are executed within a temple, which has been opened in the degree of the Initiate.

In general the resignation of the Initiate from the Pact is not provided for, yet, during the development of every individual a change of inclinations and points of view may occur. The precondition for a release from the oaths is an explanation of the reasons.

A member of a 3° and higher may be expelled from the Pact only through excommunication, which requires an explanation on the part of the Pact.

The Adept

The requirement to the bearer of the degree of the Adept is to inspire others as well as to organize and to lead. He is free to set up a temple or to support Initiates in setting up a temple and leading it. Adepts are actively involved in the business of the Pact. The degree indicates competence in the realm of magic.

His task is to actively use the magical weapons for the Pact: to defend and protect the Pact, to inspire others as well as to cultivate the structure and traditions of the Pact.

The Magus

The degree of the Magus is granted to Adepts, who have shown extraordinary magical competence and the ability to lead. It is also their task to coordinate the Order internationally and to support and sponsor Adepts and other degrees.

The Council of the Magi

The Council of the Magi is the circle of the active bearers of the 1° and is considered as the highest authority in all matters.

The 0° = 5°

The 0°=5° is granted by the Council of the Magi to a Magus or an Adept, if the latter no longer wants to perform the tasks of the accomplished degree. The 0°=5° corresponds to the status of the 3°, yet, the 0°=5° may be consulted by the Council of the Magi to give his opinion in specific matters. The 0°=5° participates actively in the business of the Pact.

If a 0°=5° is willing to resume the responsibilities of his former degree, he may return to this degree if the Council of the Magi agrees.

Priest / Priestess of Chaos

The office of Priest of Chaos is recognised as a voluntary "side degree" of the 3° or 2°. There is an 'outreach' element to the role of the Priest of Chaos, in relation to a social or magical group or community beyond the IOT. The Priest of Chaos must, like any other Priest, be able to :

- act effectively in life's extremities and in magical emergencies
- enter a state of gnosis at will
- be effective at divination and counselling
- act as an ambassador for genuine magick in general and the IOT in particular by impressing people with his grasp of human and magical realities

Any member of the 2° or 1° should be capable of taking on the role of a Chaos Priest.

Degree Raising

A degree raising may either occur at the request of a candidate or at the proposal of the bearers of the according degree and higher degrees. In the case of controversy the Council of the Magi decides as the highest authority.

Raising degrees to the 1° and 2° may only take place and may only be decided upon during the Annual International Meetings (AGMs).

The Request

The strongest demand a member can make of another member, is the request.

2.2 Temple of the Pact

A temple of the Pact can only be founded by an Adept or a Magus, or by an Initiate who is sponsored by an Adept or a Magus. In the latter case the sponsoring Adept or Magus regularly inspects the work of the temple.

A temple consists of the meeting of its members and may be held in any open or enclosed space in which undisturbed work is possible.

The Magister Templi keeps a record of the temple members' addresses. Such records may neither be kept or held in any manner which could reveal clues or details about membership of the members of the Pact to outsiders. Within the Pact, the Magister Templi informs the section head or the sponsor, how the temple may be contacted, which is as well treated confidentially.

A Pact member may be a member of several temples.

Every temple chooses a characterizing name, under which it shall be known within the Pact.

Sponsored Temples

Due to geographical and national factors, it may be necessary for candidates who aspire to become members of the Pact, to form a group in a region which is far away from the usual Pact activities.

In case that the journey to the place of initiation means extreme hardship to the candidate(s), the Section Head or the Magus of the sponsoring section may research and prepare any necessary means of support.

If need be one or several members with the appropriate degree may travel to the respective region in order to realize the initiation.

Other temple forms

Another form of temple is the Cyber Temple, mostly employed for international co-operation of Pact members.

The Travelling Temple is a further form, which also acts on a cross-sectional level.

These temple forms as well need to be founded or sponsored by an Adept or a Magus.

Certainly all members are free to carry out magical work on a regional, national or international level in working groups at any time.

2.3 Offices of the Pact

Besides the degree structure the Pact has several offices.

The Pact strives for a rotation of office if possible, in order to avoid that the burden of responsibility lasts too long with anyone member, mainly however, in order to ensure diversity.

Section Head

Attaching the letter "s" to the degree number marks the Section Head. The Section Head holds at least a 2°. A section needs to have at least one bearer of the 2° and must be sponsored by a 1°.

The Section Head coordinates the activities of the section. He keeps contact with the members and temples of the section and ensures that national and international information reaches all members and that national meetings take place.

Magister Templi

The Magister Templi coordinates the activities of the temple. The holder of this office is elected by all present members or appointed by the sponsoring Adept or Magus. It is the responsibility of the MT that only those members take part in temple rituals, who bear the adequate degree. Visitors to the temple will privately give the MT the password and sign beforehand.

Archivist

The archivist keeps record of the temple activities. The place and time of meetings will be recorded in the temple book, the present members will only be named by their official names and/or numbers followed by a short summary of the accomplished works and results.

In case that it is unavoidable that confidential information has to be written down, it must be transcribed with a method which has been agreed upon beforehand with the MT; it may however, not be enciphered.

The Archivist ensures the security of the records, he takes care that they are rather destroyed than lost or stolen.

Old records (of temples which no longer exist) will be handed over to the Section Head to be archived.

The temple book may be examined by any member who bears the degree of an Initiate or higher, the records of a sponsored temple may be inspected by the sponsor at any time. Section Heads may examine the records of all the temples of their section. Holders of the degree Magus may inspect the records of all temples.

Any member with a 3° or higher may take the office of the Archivist.

The Office of the Insubordinate

Criticism within the IOT flows from the bottom to the top. To this end every Magister Templi, Adept or Magus and Section Head, is assigned an Insubordinate. The office of the Insubordinate may be executed by an Initiate, or a Neophyte who has been a member of the Pact for some time. Insubordinates are elected by Initiates and Neophytes.

Every MT is assigned a personal Insubordinate. Within a temple he is elected by all members of the temple - except the MT; every member may hold the office of the Insubordinate.

It is the Insubordinate's task to ensure that the Magister Templi, Section Head, Adept or Magus does not neglect his personal magical progress and that he carries out his tasks well.

There are different ways to fulfil the office of the Insubordinate. He may convey criticism with the loutishness of the Jester, making everything appear ridiculous, or inquire with the Fool's naivety about issues, that are unclear. Taking the role as Chaplain the Insubordinate may point out personal weaknesses and blind spots of the recipient of the insubordination, acting as Confessor he may receive reports on personal developments, as Inquisitor he may raise an objection to decisions.

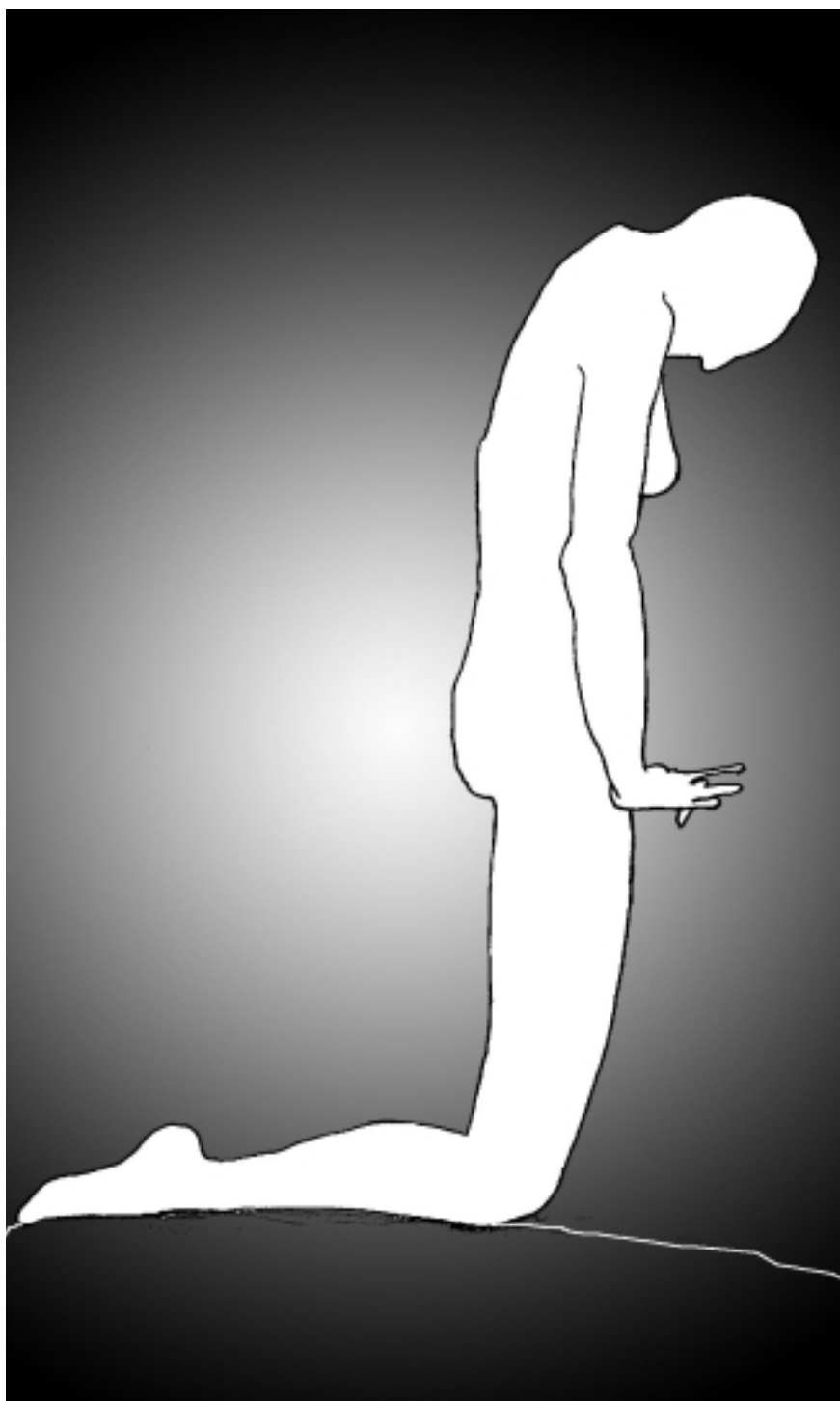
Insubordinates have five tasks to fulfill:

- to ensure that all explanations, speeches and teachings are clear to everyone and to criticize those, which are not, and to demand their clarification. Thus, the Fool's task is to simulate ignorance where others pretend understanding.

- to convey criticism with a certain easiness and impertinence. Thus the duty of the Jester is to make something appear ridiculous which others would like to diplomatically overlook.

- to point out personal weaknesses and blind spots. Thus it is the responsibility of the Chaplain to handle personal issues in an impartial manner.

- to receive reports on personal magical development without commenting on them. Thus it is the task of the Confessor, to offer protection from laziness and self-satisfaction.



- to hold the right to veto any instruction and to inform a Magus, the Section Head or the Council of the Magi about its exercise. Thus it is the Inquisitor's duty to prevent the abuse of position.

The Insubordinate chooses a two-word title to characterize his role. This title may be chosen freely, combining Fool, Jester, Chaplain, Confessor or Inquisitor. One role denotes the role which is closest to the candidate's temperament, the other which he favours least. Thus the Insubordinate may choose to be titled Fool-Inquisitor, Jester-Confessor etc.



The office of the Insubordinate expires whenever another Insubordinate is assigned to fulfil the office or when the Insubordinate becomes recognized as Adept. Each temple is free to decide how the office shall be executed: it can be rotated at every temple meeting or it may be held for a longer term. In this case the Insubordinate Ritual may be executed. In the first case the noose - the symbol for the office of the Insubordinate - may be passed on to the new holder of the office at every temple meeting.

Generally the Insubordinate will conduct his official business with the Recipient of his subordination in private. It may be advisable for the Recipient to inform his Insubordinate about any controversial events beforehand in order to prevent the exercise of a veto in public.

3. Insignia of the Pact

The basic equipment of an IOT temple is the eight-rayed star of Chaos, which should be displayed prominently in the meeting space. A banner or altar cloth may bear the star of Chaos, a chaos sphere may be installed in the room or be attached to a staff.

The members of all degrees wear plain full robes. The ring of the order conveys the eight-rayed star of Chaos. It may be worn at any occasion but does not in itself prove membership or degree in the Pact.

Every Pact member chooses a magical name and a number, preceded by the term Sor., Fra. or a combination of both. By this identity they shall be known in the Pact, and all their deeds and comments will be recorded in the archives under this identity only.

Signs and Passwords of the Pact

The signs and passwords of every degree ensure the inner and outer security of the Pact. Their words and movements are inconspicuous and may be exchanged in common communicative situations without being recognized by strangers.

Signs and passwords are determined anew at every International Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Excommunication

Excommunication is the expulsion of a Pact member. The excommunication can only be executed by a temple with the approval of the Section Head and his Insubordinate, by a section with the approval of the Section Head and his Insubordinate or the Council of the Magi. The highest authority is the Council of the Magi.

4. Rituals of the Pact

The Symbolism of the Degree Rituals

The basic structures of the rituals for opening and closing of a temple and the initiation of the degrees Neophyte, Initiate and Adept will be presented as follows. These basic elements may be modified individually and according to the requirements.



Notes on the Rituals of the Pact

Normally the presented rituals are led by the Magister Templi. He can also determine a representative with the appropriate degree, who may execute these tasks. This provides other members with the possibility of gaining experience in leading a ritual.

In the following the expressions such as candidate, magician will be used generically, however all genders are addressed at any time.

The Opening Ritual and the Closing Ritual

The Magister Templi calls the temple to order and leads the Gnostic Pentagram Ritual or any other appropriate banishing. Then he opens the temple with signs and passwords of the temple or degree.

The Neophyte Ritual

The Magister Templi calls the temple to order.

If there are no objections against the candidate he runs through a procedure to test his will and abilities to be a member of the pact. At the end the candidate has to proclaim the neophyte assertions, that

- there may be no ultimate truth
- he is willing to practice the philosophy and techniques of chaosmagick
- he will keep silent about the pact's private business, signs, passwords and identities of its members.

The candidate is recognized as Neophyte, receives robe, ring and the signs and passwords of a neophyte.

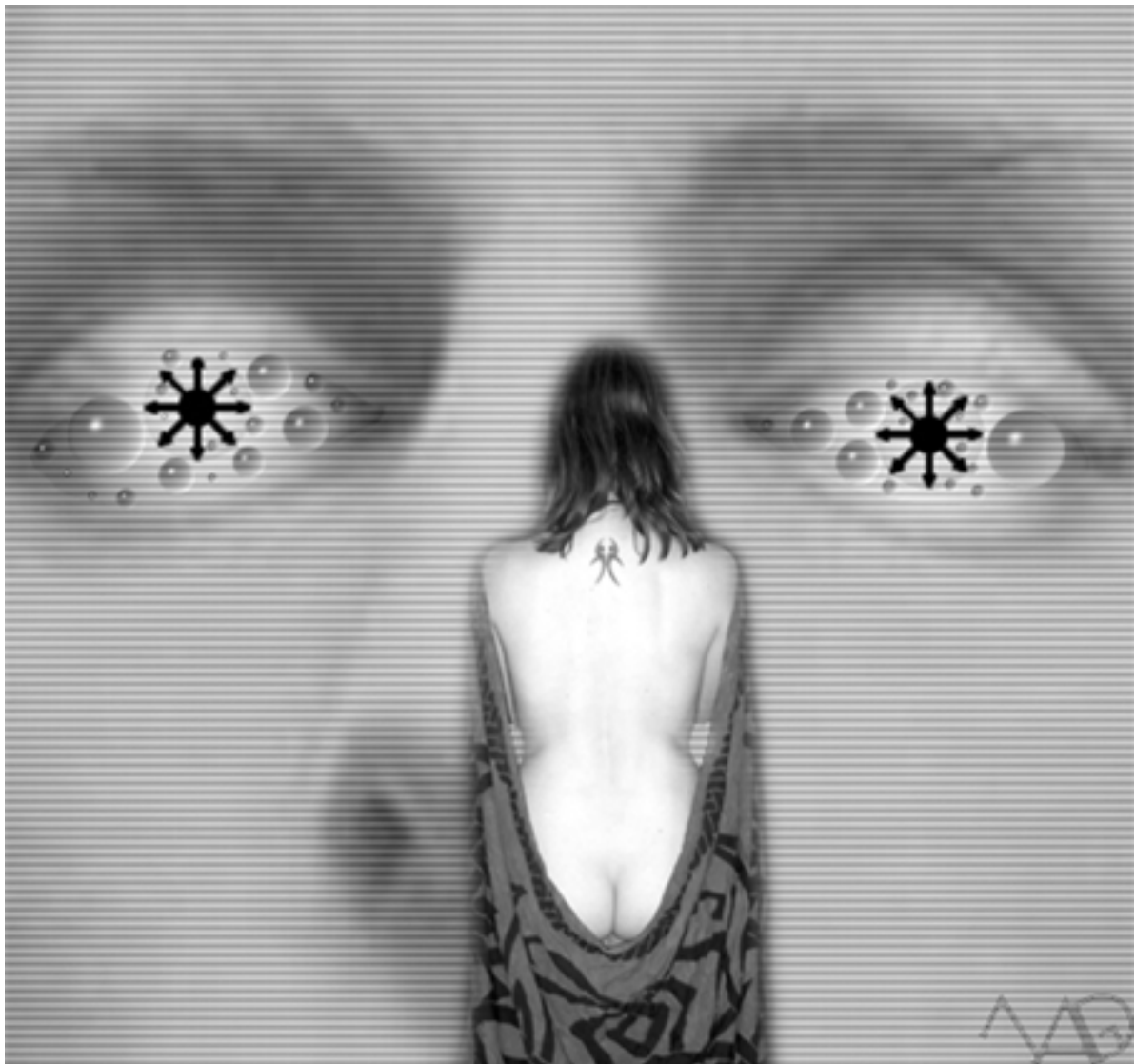
The Initiate Ritual

The candidate provides himself with a token of initiate status and reaffirms the Neophyte assertions.

Now the candidate runs through a procedure to test his will and abilities to be an Initiate. Does he pass the test, he disrobes and lies flat on the ground to take the oath of an Initiate.

He offers the pact such powers of will, imagination, perception and concentration, as he possesses. The candidate binds himself to the services of the Pact.

Then the candidate is recognized as an Initiate and receives the signs and passwords of an Initiate.



The Adept Ritual

The candidate provides himself or herself with an object to mark adepthood and reaffirms his/her Neophyte assertions and Initiate's oath. Again the candidate runs through a test and makes his/her obligations of an Adept.

The candidate offers himself to the pact

- as shield for the defence
- as a vessel through which The Pact may pour out teachings of chaosmagick
- as sword to smite and confound his enemies
- as a staff which will uphold The Pact

Then the candidate is recognized as an Adept and receives sign and password of an Adept.



5. About some Activities of the Pact Temples

In the following a short overview will be given about the various temple activities in chronological order. The interests, needs and abilities of the active temple members determine content and activities.

Preliminaries

The Magister Templi is responsible for the undisturbed meeting of the temple. In case of the presence of guests he will have assured himself of the appropriate degrees beforehand. The MT announces any apologies for absence and provides any preliminary instructions.

The Opening

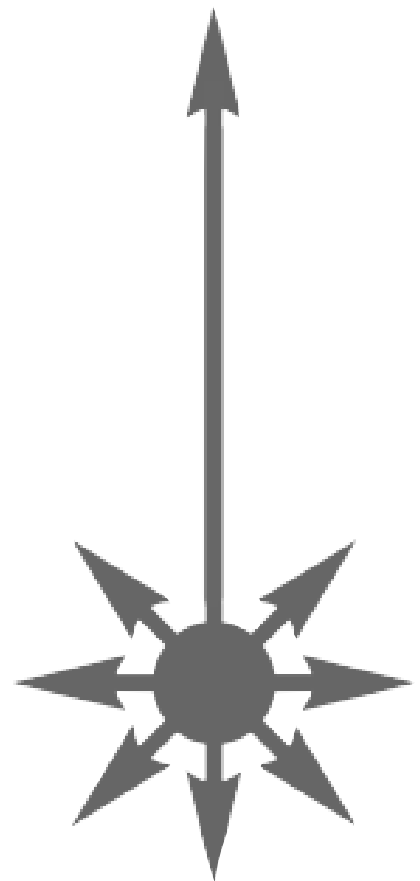
The temple is opened by the MT - or his assigned representative - in the appropriate degree or with an appropriate opening ritual.

Training and Practice

All members are encouraged, at the discretion of the M.T., to present and lead exercises in various magical disciplines such as methods of gnosis and control of consciousness, exercises for the use of different magical instruments and techniques. Written works and speeches may be presented as well.

Magical Doing

In accordance with the members of the temples and the M.T. various magical works of enchantment and divination, rituals of evocation, invocation or illumination can be executed in the service of the Pact, the temple or individuals. The Chaos Mass B may be carried out as a celebration as often as desired, on the occasion of the initiation of the Priest of Chaos or for another purpose.



Discussions

Discussions about organizational issues, the exchange about shared experiences and the planning of future projects are conducted by the M.T. Reports about individual work and research of various members may as well be a valuable part of the temple meeting.

Other topics may be reports from other temples and publications. Also nationally and internationally relevant information will be passed on within the temple.

Closing

The M.T. closes the temple with the closing ritual. If necessary it may be reopened in a different degree with selected members.

In general the temple work is followed by some socialising.

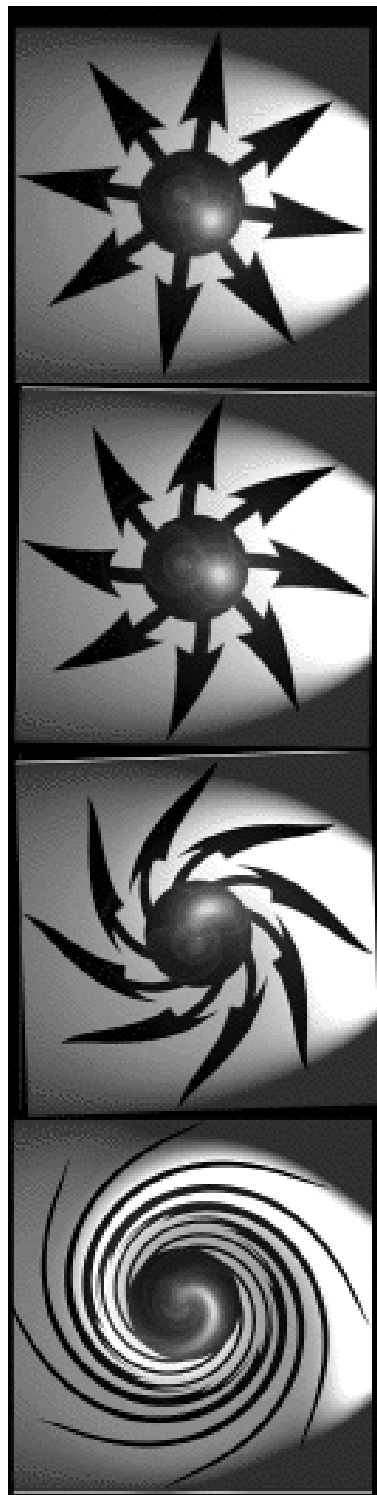
6. About Various Pact Activities

Rituals of the Pact are rarely performed using written guidelines. A ritual which cannot be performed freely should strongly be reconsidered for simplification.

Generally, when an extensive work is being performed, the member who leads the main part of the ritual, instructs all participants beforehand, giving cues during the work whenever necessary.

Whenever a temple plans to conduct a paid magical work in the name of the IOT for a non-member or institution, the M.T. must obtain the approval of a Magus beforehand.

The same procedure applies if a temple wants to conduct a magical attack, yet, this rule may be waived in urgent cases.



7. General Rules on Procedures

Publishing Rituals and Practical Works

Material on untested works and experiments shall be marked as "untested". Conducted works and tested techniques shall be accompanied by information on experiences and results.

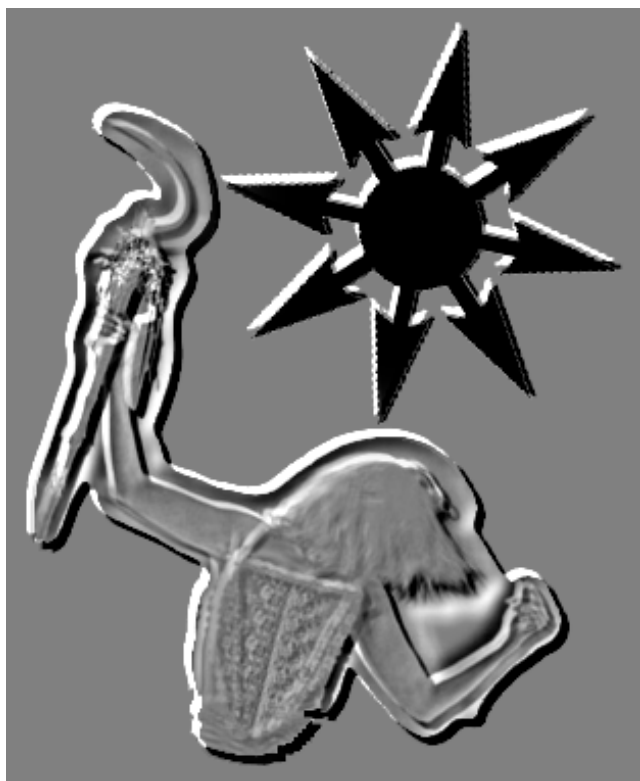
Archives of Chaos

The Archives of Chaos shall be compiled by one or several members. The Council of the Magi and the Section Head ensure that these archives are kept in every section and satrapy.

All members with a 3° and higher shall have access to the archives in the appropriate manner. On inquiry Neophytes may have access to specific topics in excerpts.

Security

All members of the Pact are obliged to keep names and addresses of members in a manner that a membership cannot be concluded.



Degrees can only be assigned through personal contact. In special cases, Novices may be accepted in written form.

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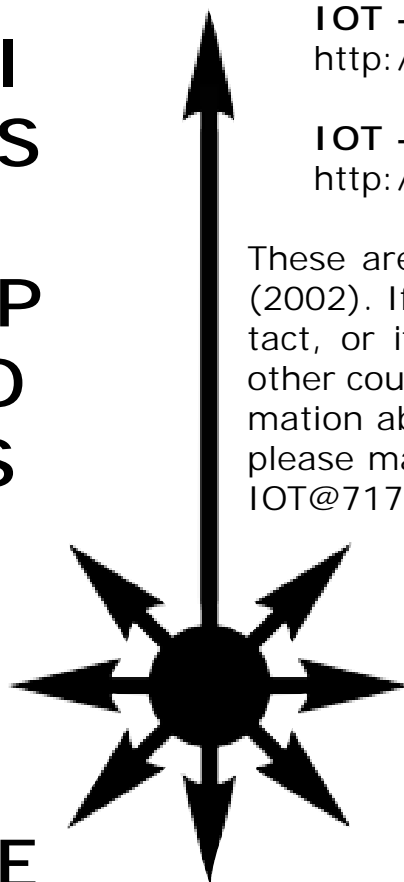
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